



## **Idaho Council for Technology in Learning Bylaws**

### **Section I**

#### **Appointment of Council Members**

Members of the State Council for Technology in Learning (hereafter referred to as Council) are appointed in accordance with Idaho Code 33-4804.

The fourteen (14) members are as follows and appointed accordingly:

- (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction
- (1) Practicing public school administrator as a member.
- (2) Business/private sector representatives with experience in applications of technology
- (1) Person who is a member of a local school board
- (2) Members of the Senate, one (1) from each of the two- (2) largest political parties
- (2) Members of the House of Representatives, one (1) from each of the two- (2) largest political parties.
- (1) Representative of the Higher Education Information Technology Committee
- (1) Member of the Public Education Information Technology Committee
- (1) Member of the State Board of Education
- (1) Member who is currently serving as president of an Idaho public college or university
- (1) The executive director of the State Board of Education

As provided in the Idaho Code 33-4804-4810. In addition to those members identified in Idaho Code, additional members may be appointed; *see attached Idaho Code*.

*(Relating to the Idaho Statutes for the Idaho Educational Technology Initiative)*

### **Section II**

#### **Term of Office**

The Governor, State Superintendent, and Board of Education appoint members to the Council. Appointments to fill the unexpired term of a previous Council member shall be for the length of the unexpired term.

### **Section III**

#### **Responsibilities of the Council**

The Council has all the responsibilities as outlined in Idaho Code 33-4805. Staff support for the Council shall be drawn from the agencies and institutions under and affiliated with the State Board of Education including, but not limited to, the colleges or universities, community colleges, technical colleges, Division of Vocational Education, Idaho Public Television, State Library, and office of the State Board of Education.



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### **Section IV Conflict of Interest**

All decisions of the Council are to be made solely on the basis of a desire to promote the best interests of Technology in Education and the public good. In the event that a Council member must consider any transaction which involves the Council member's family or relatives, or an organizational with which the Council member is affiliated, the Council member shall, at the first knowledge of any transaction, disqualify himself or herself from any involvement, as well as voting on the issue. Such disclosure is also required of Council members concerning all relationships and business affiliations that reasonably could give rise to a conflict of interest involving the Council.

### **Section V Meetings**

- (a). The annual organizational meeting [for the Council] shall be the first meeting after June 30 [of each year]. Thereafter the Council may hold quarterly meetings (as needed).
- (b). The Council may hold special meetings by vote of a majority of the Council taken during any regular meeting or by call of the Council Chairperson.
- (c). A quorum of the Council consists of a simple majority of the members. A quorum of the Council must be determined in order for the Council to conduct any business.
- (d). All meetings of the Council are conducted and notice thereof provided in accordance with the Idaho "Open Meeting Law." An executive session (a closed meeting) of the Council may be held upon a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Council for the purposes outlined in Idaho Code 67-2345.

### **Section VI Rules of Order**

- (a). Meetings of the Council are conducted in accordance with controlling statutes and applicable bylaws, regulations, procedures, or policies. In the absence of such, meetings are conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- (b). A recorded vote of the Council is taken and preserved in the Minutes. A person substitution for an absent member of the council will maintain the voting privileges for the substituted member.

### **Section VII Officers of the Council**

- (a) The State Board of Education appoints the Council Chairperson. The Vice-Chair of the Council shall be elected every two years at the annual organizational meeting, which shall be the first regular meeting after the beginning of the fiscal year. The Officers shall not be limited to a number of terms. Officers of the Council shall be the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Council Chairperson presides at all Council meetings with full power to vote on and discuss all matters before the Council.



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(b) Council Vice-Chairperson presides at meetings in the event of absence of the Council Chairperson. The Vice-Chair will become the Acting Council Chairperson in the event of the resignation or permanent inability of the Council Chairperson to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, until such time as a new Chairperson is appointed.

### **Section VIII**

#### **Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses**

Members of the Council shall not receive compensation except as provided in Section 59-509 (b), Idaho Code.

### **Section IX**

#### **Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal of Bylaws.**

Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a majority vote of the Council, provided that notice has been presented at a preceding meeting of the Council.



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### **SENATE BILL NO. 1229, As Amended Relating to the Idaho Statutes for the Idaho Educational Technology Initiative**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 33-4802, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**33-4802. FINDINGS.** The legislature hereby finds, determines and declares that the State of Idaho recognizes the importance of applying technology to meet the public need for an improved, thorough and seamless public education system for elementary and secondary education, education of the hearing or visually impaired at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, post-secondary and higher education, and public libraries.

**SECTION 2.** That Section 33-4803, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**33-4803. DEFINITIONS.** As used in this chapter:

- (1) “Educational segments” are, individually, the public elementary and secondary school system, the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, the Vocational Education system, The State Library, the State Historical Society, Idaho Public Television, the community colleges, the four-year colleges and universities, the State Department of Education and the office of the State Board of Education.
- (2) “Libraries” means district, city, school/community libraries, and the State Library as described in Chapter 25, 26, and 27, Title 33, Idaho Code.

**SECTION 3.** That Section 33-4804, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**33-4804. STATE COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY IN LEARNING CREATED – MEMBERSHIP.**

- (1) There is here by created and established the State Council for Technology in Learning under the State Board of Education, referred to herein as the council.
- (2) The council shall consist of fourteen (14) member who shall be appointed as follows:
  - a. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint one (1) practicing public school administrator as a member.
  - b. The governor shall appoint two (2) business/private sector representatives with experience in applications of technology and one (1) person who is a member of a local school board as provided in Chapter 5, Title 33, and Idaho Code. Such local school board member shall be appointed by the governor



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- from a list of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) names submitted by the statewide association representing local school board members.
- c. The president pro tempore of the Idaho Senate shall appoint two (2) members of the Senate, one (1) from each of the two (2) largest political parties.
  - d. The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two (2) members of the House of Representatives, one (1) from each of the two (2) largest political parties.
  - e. A representative of the Higher Education Information Technology Committee as provided in Section 33-4809, Idaho Code, and a public school teacher representative of the Public Education Information Technology Committee as provided in Section 33-4810, Idaho Code.
  - f. The State Board of Education shall appoint one (1) of its members as a member of the council. In addition, the State Board of Education shall appoint one (1) member who is currently serving as president of an Idaho public college or university. The executive director of the State Board of Education as appointed pursuant to Section 33-102A, Idaho Code, shall serve as a member of the council.
  - g. The State Board of Education shall select from among the members of the council a chairman who shall call and conduct the meetings of the council pursuant to policies adopted by the council and approved by the State Board of Education.
- (3) At the first meeting of the council after the effective date of this act, the members shall draw by lottery to determine one half (1/2) of the members to serve an initial term of two (2) years and one half (1/2) of the members to serve an initial term of four (4) years. Thereafter, all members shall serve a term of four (4) years, but may be removed prior to the expiration of a term at the pleasure of the appointing official. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any member of the council may succeed himself in appointment.
- (4) Members of the council shall receive compensation as provided in Section 59-509(b), Idaho Code.

**SECTION 4.** That Section 33-4805, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **33-4805. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCIL STAFF.**

- 1. Staff support for the council shall be drawn from the educational segments as recommended by the council and approved by the State Board of Education. The legislative intent is to provide broad representation of the various educational segments within the council staff.
- 2. The council shall have the following responsibilities:
  - a. Develop and maintain a statewide education technology plan to provide seamless education in Idaho. Such plan shall be subject to annual review and approval by the State Board of Education.



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- b. Make recommendations to the State Board of Education on educational technology and telecommunications plans, policies, programs and activities for all educational segments.
- c. Subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, administer and develop standards and criteria for the public school technology grants program provided for in Section 33-4806, Idaho Code,
- d. Ensure that the policies set by the Information Technology Resource Management Council are followed in accordance with Sections 67-5745B and 67-5745C, Idaho Code, in implementing educational technology programs pursuant to this chapter.
- e. Collaborate with all educational segments as well as with professional education associations and businesses, in recommending priorities for funding and in identifying needs for technology use in education.
- f. Recommend to the State Board of Education, standards and procedures for the administration of this act, including, but not limited to, standards for technology-based resources, projects, programs, practices or products to be adopted or adapted, and standards and criteria by which to evaluate the technology-based programs. In addition, the council shall recommend exemplary programs, practices, or products based on the criteria established in this subsection.
- g. Recommend priorities for uses of educational technology.
- h. Work with representatives of the governing bodies of the educational segments to develop recommendations or strategies for the coordination, administration, and evaluation of educational technology programs and resources.
- i. Work with representatives of the governing bodies of the educational segments to identify strategies to coordinate statewide voice, video, and data telecommunications systems that may be accessed by the educational segments.
- j. To review, evaluate, and build upon the educational technology projects in public schools funded through other state initiatives.
- k. To form such subcommittees or task forces, as it deems necessary to review matters pertaining to a particular educational segment or to any other issues before the council.

**SECTION 5.** That Section 33-4807, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**33-4807.EVALUATIONS AND AUDITS.** The legislative services office shall, from time to time as directed by the legislature. Evaluate and audit the relative impact, costs and benefits of each of the educational technology programs conducted pursuant to this chapter. The State Board of Education shall report to the legislature and the



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governor each year on or before October 1 as to the relative impact, cost, and benefit of the educational technology program conducted pursuant to this chapter.

**SECTION 6.** That Chapter 48, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-4809, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

**33-4809.HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.**

The State Board of Education shall establish a standing subcommittee of the council to be known as the Higher Education Information Technology Committee, the purpose of which is to advise the council regarding postsecondary and other education technology and telecommunications issues pertinent to the purposes of this chapter that affect educational segments not including primary and education.

**SECTION 7.** That Chapter 48, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-4810, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

**33-4810.PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.**

The State Board of Education shall, upon consideration of the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, establish a standing subcommittee of the council known as the Public Education Information Technology Committee, the purpose of which is to advise the council regarding only primary and secondary education technology and telecommunications issues pertinent to this chapter. At a minimum, and not by way of limitation, the Public Education Information Technology Committee membership shall include one (1) vocational education/applied technology teacher, one (1) public librarian, one (1) public school media specialist, one (1) elementary public school teacher, and one (1) secondary public school teacher.